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SUBJ: WEEKLY REPORT

1. MRS. DAVID NEWSOM, WIFE OF THE AMBASSADOR STARTED TEACHING ENGLISH TO AN ADVANCED CONVERSATION CLASS AT THE JAKARTA BNC. THE CLASS, WHICH INCLUDES THE WIVES OF THREE INDONESIAN GENERALS, WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE HER AS ITS TEACHER. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE NOTES A POSITIVE RESULTING EFFECT ON WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE RESPECTIVE GENERALS.

2. USA BOXING COACH "SARGE" JOHNSON, A CU GRANTEE IN INDONESIA, WAS GIVEN A ROUSING SENDOFF AT A CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE BOXING CLINIC AND LATER AT A DINNER IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE ON NOVEMBER 30. COACH JOHNSON DURING HIS SIX-MONTH STAY, PROVED THE PERFECT MAN FOR THE JOB AND BRIDGED THE CULTURAL GAP WITH EASE AND FLAIR. THE INDONESIANS LOOK FORWARD TO HIS RETURNING FOR FUTURE COACHING CLINICS.

3. AS A RESULT OF A SURVEY OF ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM RECIPIENTS AMONG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS THE POST HAS BEEN ABLE TO INFORMALLY ASSIST THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN UP-DATING THEIR OWN LISTS OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. IN RETURN THEY MADE THEIR OWN LISTS AVAILABLE TO US IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT.

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4. THIS WEEK THE POST SPONSORED AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE POETRY-READING CONTEST AT BANDUNG. ABOUT 140 STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES THERE AND OTHERS PARTICIPATED, WITH A FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST IN ATTENDANCE. USIS PROVIDED A ROTATING "CHALLENGE CUP" AND BOOKS FOR THE WINNERS. IT WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS, AND WHILE SEEMINGLY A MARGINAL EVENT, IT PROVIDED OCCASION FOR CLOSE, NON-SENSITIVE REPPORT WITH THE INDONESIAN INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED.
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